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It is said that after 60 years there will be the One Tour to rule them all. In celebration of the upcoming 60th anniversary of the Lord of the Rings book series, Zicasso, experts in handcrafted travel, is introducing the private 11-day One Tour to Rule Them All: The Ultimate 60th Anniversary Lord of the Rings Tour. This customizable, luxury trip is designed to showcase New Zealand's quintessential destinations while celebrating the iconic filming locations featuring exclusive movie set tours, private helicopter expeditions and luxury accommodations.

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Zicasso's Lord of the Rings Tour

One Tour to Rule Them All: The Ultimate 60th Anniversary Lord of the Rings Tour features the best of New Zealand on a luxury, private 11-day journey that celebrates the iconic Trilogy and Hobbit filming locations.

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Highlights of the Zicasso Lord of the Rings Tour includes a private helicopter tour over hard to reach filming locations and special access to exclusive movie costumes and props in Queenstown and a full day, private Lord of the Rings tour in Wellington including a helicopter ride and lunch at a New Zealand winery. Also included is a private, after hours tour of the Weta Workshop where artists conceptualized the creatures and props for the films, as well as a behind-the-scenes private tour of the Hobbiton set located in Rotorua. Of course, each guest will stay at luxury hotels, including a Lord of the Rings-themed room.

Upon arrival in Rotorua guests will discover the real-life Shire on a private tour of the Hobbiton movie set. Visit the hobbits' favorite haunts at this picturesque sheep and beef farm whose rolling hills are home to the hobbit holes, the Green Dragon Inn and Mill. Guests will go behind-the-scenes on the set which remains as it was seen in the LOTR trilogy.

While in Wellington, guests will uncover a world of imagination where artists conceptualized and developed the creatures and props of the LOTR films on a private after-hours tour of the award-winning Weta Workshop, the largest conceptual design studio of its kind. Here guests will tour the exhibition space where they will learn some

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of the processes used to bring Tolkien's famous series to life.

Transport yourself back to Middle Earth during a full day private tour in Wellington featuring a helicopter tour over the limestone foundations that formed Dimholt Road, lunch at a New Zealand winery and a trip to Miramar, production central and home to Peter Jackson.

The trip will culminate with an exclusive two hour private helicopter tour of Queenstown. While soaring over the breathtaking landscapes that serve as the backdrop for the films, the tour will make 2-3 landings at hard to reach locations and offer overhead views of non-access territory. After the morning flight, guests will have exclusive access to top secret props, weapons and costumes used in the films.

After adventure-filled days, guests will stay in luxury accommodations including New Zealand's only Lord of the Rings-themed room featuring a circular door, over-sized furniture, and special "hobbit menu". Other accommodations include The Langham Hotel Auckland, Korua Lodge, Museum Art Hotel and the Dairy Private Luxury Hotel.

Along with these wonderful LOTR excursions, guests will have the opportunity to see the best of New Zealand while traveling through Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Queenstown and Wanaka. Some of the suggested activities include canopy tours, harbor cruises, museum visits, food and wine tastings, shotover jet rides and more.

Pricing for this customizable tour starts at \$7,000 per person, double, and includes four unique private tours with helicopter explorations as well as exclusive access to the film design workshop, 10 nights of luxury accommodations, three lunches and 11 days of car rental. Flights are not included.

Guests who book by September 15, 2014 will also receive the new Lord of the Rings 60th Anniversary Boxed Set, a four-volume set that includes The Lord of the Rings: A Reader's Companion, a unique, annotated guide to the text as well as, The Art of Magic: 20 Years of WETA, featuring never-before-published content, including concept designs, sketches and more.

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